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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 04 August 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/04/2006.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7 are now pending, wherein claim 1-5 are drawn to a modified diene- α -olefin copolymer and claims 6-7 are drawn to a method to produce the modified diene- α -olefin copolymer.

Claim Analysis

2. Summary of claim 1:

A modified diene- α -olefin copolymer which is represented by

R^1 -[CH(R^3)-CH=CH-CH₂]_l-[CH₂-CH(CH=CHR³)]_m-[CH₂-CH(R⁴)(R⁶)]_n-R²

and has H₂C=C(R⁵)-COO- in at least a part of the ends,

R^1 and R^2	independently a hydroxyl group or H ₂ C=C(R ⁵)-COO-
R^3 's, R^5 's, and R^6 's	independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms
R^4 's	independently a phenyl group , a pyridyl group, a chlorine atom, a cyclohexyl group, or a carboxyloxyalkyl group
l , m , and n	the number of repetition.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Selley (US 4,041,104).

Selley discloses a hydroxyl-terminated copolymer prepared by polymerization of one or more conjugated dienes having C₄₋₈ such as 1,3-butadiene with up to about 40 mol % of one or more vinyl monomers such as styrene by a free radical initiated polymerization in the presence of ethylene oxide which lead to forming terminated hydroxyl groups, wherein the hydroxyl-terminated copolymer has a molecular weight of about 500 to about 10,000 (col. 3, lines 6-13, 32-44). Selley further disclose that “those polydienes (or copolymers) resulting from predominantly 1,4- addition polymerization. A minor amount of 1,2- addition product, wherein the unsaturation is present as pendent vinyl groups” (col. 2, line 68; col. 3, lines 1-2). Selley furthermore “[a] wide variety ofor methacrylates may be employed to provide terminal acrylate groups...” (col. 3, lines 58-60). Thus, the present claims are anticipated by the disclosure of Selley.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ling-Siu Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-1098.

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If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on 571-272-1114.



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